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## Police Investigate Death of 15-year old

Reedsburg Police were notified Sunday at approximately 4:00pm of a death of a 15-year old male on Alexander Avenue. The boy's father walked into the Police Department to report the death.

Officers responded to the home and forced entry as the doors were padlocked from the inside and found Ayanfe O. Omosebi (15) extremely emaciated and deceased. Officers also located an 11 –year old, also extremely emaciated, but alive and 48 year old Titilayno A. Omosebi also emaciated but responsive.

The father, Kehinde S. Omosebi (49), who described himself as a religious minister affiliated with Cornerstone Reformation Ministries, and his family had started a fast on July 19, 2018 and were fasting for 40 days. Officers located no food in the apartment. Kehinde stated that Ayanfe had died on Friday. Titilayno and the 11-year old were taken to Reedsburg Area Medical Center for treatment. Titilayno refused treatment citing religious restrictions. The 11-year old was taken into protective custody and medically treated and eventually transported to Children's Hospital in Madison, WI.

Both Kehinde and Titilayno, as the biological parents of the children, were taken into custody and transported to the Sauk County Jail where they were charged with Neglecting a Child Causing Death and Neglecting a Child Causing Great Bodily Harm.

An autopsy is scheduled for Monday morning and the Wisconsin State Crime Laboratory will be assisting Reedsburg Detectives.





